

Ontario did not see any Melges 24 one design events this season, in fact there was none on the entire Canadian side of the Great Lakes.

With the US land border closure, the only option for one design racing was the US Nationals in September sailed from Crescent Sail YC (Detroit) on Lake St. Clair.

The regatta had 22 boats participating with 10 Corinthian crews, and the talent was deep.

Only two Canadian boats took part in the regatta. These boats were hosted in Windsor, sailing across the lake and back each day to race the regatta.

No new boats registered in the Eastern District for 2021.

The Western District Melges fleets have seen limited activity over the past season. The biggest fleet of Melges in BC sail out of West Vancouver, however the racing this year has been minimal given the public health restrictions. The fleet is convening over the next month to discuss the schedule for the 2022 year and make plans for a renewed and exciting season. The Victoria fleet had a few boats race the summer Wednesday evening series and went on to host Canadian Championship October 1-3, the first since the beginning of the pandemic. Although hopes were high for a fleet in the low to mid teens with the opening of the CAN/US border, tightening restrictions in the fall eventually reduced the final fleet to five boats. Despite the small fleet, the racing was excellent with fifteen fair races held over the three-day event in light but stable conditions. Of the few boats remaining in Kelowna, one has been out regularly racing in the handicap fleet races.

We stay hopeful for the better 2022 season with the Canadian Nationals planned to be hosted by Toronto's National YC in September.